

Title: Course Modality

Category: Academic Affairs

Responsible Cabinet Member: Provost

Purpose

Establish clear expectations for the approved instructional modality of credit-bearing courses at the University of Kentucky. This policy ensures consistency between course approval, scheduling and delivery; supports academic quality and integrity; and provides transparency for students regarding how instruction is delivered across traditional face-to-face, online and hybrid formats.

Scope

This policy applies to all credit-bearing courses taught at the University of Kentucky.

Definitions:

Traditional face-to-face courses: Provide instruction in an in-person setting. This may be in a classroom, at an internship or at a clinical site. 100% of the course delivery is in person.

Online: Provide instruction online either synchronously or asynchronously through distance learning. Online courses do not require physical attendance at a location.

- Synchronous Online courses require students to attend class during scheduled days/times.
- Asynchronous Online courses require students to complete coursework without attending class at a scheduled day/time, while adhering to deadlines set by the instructor for assignments and activities.

Hybrid: Provide a blend of in-person and online instruction. Online portions of the course may be synchronous or asynchronous. Between 50-99% of the course delivery must be through online instruction.

Policy:

All instructors will teach their courses in the modality for which that course has been approved and scheduled in the course catalog.

Course modalities must be approved through the University curricular review process. Courses may have approval for traditional in-person instruction and/or online delivery. Courses offered in the hybrid format must have approval for both traditional face-to-face and online delivery.